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FM: USEPA, REGION V, CHICAGO, IL

TO: USCG DISTRICT NINE
DOSM WASHINGTON, DC
NRC WASHINGTON, DC

POLREP 3

SUBJ: STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION FIRE, IN HAMMOND, IN

A. SITUATION:

1. THE BUILDING DEMOLISHING SCHEDULE IS UNCERTAIN. THE CITY OF HAMMOND IS ENFORCING THIS PHASE.

2. DUE TO THE HAZARD OF ENTERING THE BUILDING WITH MACHINERY AT THE PRESENT, THE CLEANUP IS TO ASSUME TWO PHASES.

A. CLEANUP WITH VACUUM TRUCK AND OUTSIDE AREA NOW.

B. REMOVAL OF REMAINING SLUDGES AND DRUMS LATER WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING WITH MACHINERY IS CONSIDERED SAFE.

B. ACTION:

1. THE FIRST PHASE OF CLEANUP HAS BEEN COMPLETED. 2,500 GALLONS OF LIQUIDS AND SLUDGE HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND TAKEN FOR PROCESSING AND LANDFILLING.

2. 15 CUBIC YARDS OF SOLID SLUDGES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND LAND FILLED.

C. PLANS

1. COMPLETE PHASE (B) THAT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO DAYS, WHEN ACCESSING THE BUILDING BECOMES SAFE.

CASE PENDING:

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